

Bedford Select Board
Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Strategy
Related to the Purchase, Exchange, Taking, Lease or Value of Real Property, or Litigation
January 10, 2022

Members Present: Margot Fleischman, Bopha Malone, Emily Mitchell, Ed Pierce

Also Present: Town Manager Sarah Stanton, Fire Chief David Grunes

At 8:19pm, the Select Board entered Executive Session for the purposes listed above.

139 Great Road and 33 Shawsheen Road

Utah State University has accepted the Town's appraisal of the property at 139 Great Road for \$1.232 million. Town Counsel is reviewing a final version of purchase and sale agreement, which the Select Board will review for approval on January 18.

Tonight the Select Board will consider taking a vote in open session on 1/18/21 to execute two purchase and sale agreements: one for 139 Great Road for purposes of a fire station, and one for 33 Shawsheen Road for purposes of cemetery expansion, contingent on funding at Annual Town Meeting. The Select Board agenda posted on Thursday will list both addresses for the first time. In the meantime, Town staff will continue conducting due diligence related to environmental and soil testing, clearing titles, and other work needed prior to ATM.

Ms. Stanton and Ms. Mitchell will call direct abutters prior to publication of the agenda. Letters will also be hand-delivered inviting abutters to a meeting with Ms. Fleischman, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Stanton, Chief Grunes, and other Town staff on Thursday, 1/27 at 7pm via Zoom. A community meeting on 2/17 is also scheduled as part of the rollout, to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions. In conjunction with the agenda posting this Thursday, an FAQ document will be posted on the website and a press release will be sent to *The Bedford Citizen*.

The board discussed the nature of the property at 139 Great Road and confirmed their support of that site as the best option for a new fire station.

Mr. Pierce moved that the Select Board approve the purchase and sale of 139 Great Road for the purposes of a fire station, and 33 Shawsheen Road for purposes of cemetery expansion, contingent on funding appropriation at Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Malone seconded.

Roll call vote: Ms. Mitchell – AYE, Ms. Fleischman – AYE, Ms. Malone – AYE, Mr. Pierce – AYE.

Minutes: December 20, 2021 (in two parts)

Ms. Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021, Executive Session, Part I and Part II. Ms. Malone seconded.

Roll call vote: Ms. Mitchell – AYE, Ms. Fleischman – AYE, Ms. Malone – AYE, Mr. Pierce – AYE.

Ms. Mitchell moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Ms. Malone seconded.

Roll call vote: Ms. Mitchell – AYE, Ms. Fleischman – AYE, Ms. Malone – AYE, Mr. Pierce – AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Mitchell, Clerk of the Select Board